

Table 2.16 Railroad Grade Crossings (cont.)

CROSSING LOCATION		RAILROAD MP	CROSSING TYPE
ROAD NAME	FROM		
Golf Course Rd	SR 177	1002	Public At Grade
Florence-Kelvin Hwy	SR 177	987	Public At Grade
SR 79, MP 136.27	Hunt Hwy	959	Public At Grade
Felix Rd (Clemans-Felix)	Hunt Hwy	954	Public At Grade
Old Tiger Rd (E)	Hetzel Rd	22	Public At Grade
SR 77, MP 112.35	Hussy St	22	Public At Grade
Kelvin Connector	Florence-Kelvin Hwy	1	Public At Grade
SR 177, MP 152.18	Florence-Kelvin Hwy	2	Public At Grade
US 60, MP 245.22	Marion St	1231	Public At Grade
Marion St	US 60, MP 245.22	1231	Public At Grade

Source: Arizona Department of Transportation Railroad Section GIS

2.5 EXISTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

This section describes existing public transportation services in the study area. Data on the public transportation systems was obtained from the *FY 2007 Section 5311 Rural Public Transportation Program Annual Report*, the *Gila County Small Area Transportation Study* and the *Pinal County Small Area Transportation Study*.

2.5.1 Local and Regional Transit Systems

The transit services operating in the study area include the Cobre Valley Community Transit Program in Miami and the Cotton Express in Coolidge. Data on these services is summarized in Table 2.16 and depicted in Figure 2-10.

The Cobre Valley Community Transit program operates a demand response, curb-to-curb service in the town of Miami the city of Globe and surrounding areas of unincorporated Gila County. Services are available Monday through Friday starting at 6:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m.

The Cotton Express operates in the city of Coolidge. Buses are accessible to the disabled and their drivers are fully trained to render assistance to their "special needs" passengers. All the buses are equipped with wheelchair lifts and "built-in" car seats for youngsters under the age of five. The Cotton Express Deviated Route Bus runs Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. There are 46 scheduled stops placed throughout the City, all of which are served at least once every hour, with all major businesses served twice an hour. While most homes are located within two blocks of a bus stop, the bus will deviate for dial-a-ride eligible passengers. There is also a dial-a-ride that is described in Section 2.5.2.

2.5.2 Special Needs Transportation Services

The Cotton Express dial-a-ride in Coolidge operates Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. It is a curb-to-curb service for special needs passengers: persons over age of 55 or with a disability that prevents them from walking more than two blocks to a bus stop. Most calls for dial-a-ride service are answered within 15 minutes, but during peak

periods the wait may be slightly longer. Passengers are asked to call at least one hour in advance of any scheduled appointments.

According to the *Gila County Small Area Transportation Study*, other special needs services that operate in Gila County are:

- Globe Senior Center has a new eight-passenger van that is wheelchair lift equipped. The van is used to bring clients to the Center in the morning, for meals and activities, and to return them home in the afternoon. During the middle of the day, the vehicle is used to transport “meals on wheels” to those who are homebound. They are able to provide meals to a maximum of 35 persons because of the topographical constraints of the area.
- Miami Senior Center offers both congregate meals at the center and “meals on wheels” type service for homebound seniors.
- Copper Mountain Inn in Globe is an elder care facility that has approximately 90 residents. The Inn has a wheelchair lift-equipped Ford van that provides medical transportation for residents. Residents are taken to local clinics or to specialists in the Phoenix area as needed for treatment. The inn recently purchased a 2005 Cutaway bus on a Ford chassis that has two wheelchair positions and 12 seats for ambulatory passengers. The bus is used for resident activities such as shopping trips, trips to the ice cream parlor, and other tours and events.
- Heritage Health Care Center in Globe is an elder care facility that has 96 residents. The Center has a cutaway minibus with ten seats and four wheelchair positions that is used for both medically related trips and tours.

The Pinal County Small Area Transportation Study identified a number of special needs transit services; they are listed in Table 2.18.

2.5.3 Intercity Bus Transportation

Greyhound service is provided on I-10 between Tucson and Phoenix, but the service does not stop at any study area cities or towns. The closest stop to the study area is located in Casa Grande at 204 North Sacaton Street, southeast of the SR 84/SR 387/SR 287 intersection. The Greyhound service operates 8 trips per day, on a daily basis, as depicted in Table 2.17.

Table 2.17 Intercity Transit Services

Operator	Intercity Routes (in study area)	Days of Operation	Service Frequency or Trips per Day
Greyhound	I-10	Daily	8 trips per day

Source: Greyhound Bus website, <http://www.greyhound.com/>

Amtrak provides passenger service on the Sunset Limited route, which runs between Los Angeles and New Orleans. Stops in Arizona are Yuma, Maricopa, Tucson and Benson. Three trains depart weekly in each direction. The service uses the Union Pacific Railroad line. Fiscal year 2007 ridership on the Sunset Limited route was 63,336 passengers, according to the *Amtrak Monthly Performance Report for September 2007*.

Table 2.18 Local and Regional General and Special Needs Transit Services

Name of System	Responsible Jurisdiction /Agency	Operator	Number & Type of Vehicles (bus, minibus, van)	Service Area	Eligible Population	Service Type (Fixed Route, Demand Responsive)	Days & Hours of Service	Major Funding Sources
Apache Bravo Young Marines	Apache Bravo Young Marines	Apache Bravo Young Marines	Not available	Pinal County	High school students considering future Marine Corps careers. Destinations include the Marine Corps Air Station in Yuma for training and Apache Junction for community service.	Demand responsive	Monday and Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 PM, and weekends as needed.	Apache Bravo Young Marines
Apache Junction Senior Center	Apache Junction Senior Center	Apache Junction Senior Center	Not available		Seniors and persons with disabilities over the age of 18		Monday-Friday – 9 AM-4 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Federal Transit Administration (FTA) ▪ Section 5310 ▪ Older American Act ▪ LTAF ▪ Fares
Casa Grande Community Hospital	Casa Grande Community Hospital	Casa Grande Community Hospital	Not available	25 to 30-mile radius of Casa Grande	Hospital patients	Demand responsive	Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM to noon, and Sunday as needed	Not available

Table 2.18 Local and Regional General and
Special Needs Transit Services (cont.)

Name of System	Responsible Jurisdiction /Agency	Operator	Number & Type of Vehicles (bus, minibus, van)	Service Area	Eligible Population	Service Type (Fixed Route, Demand Responsive)	Days & Hours of Service	Major Funding Sources
Catholic Community Services	Catholic Community Services	Catholic Community Services	Not available	Eloy/ Toltec, Coolidge, Casa Grande, Arizona City, Eleven Mile Corner, Valley Farms, Twilight Trails, Florence and Randolph	Seniors		Monday-Friday – 9 AM-2 PM	Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens
Central Arizona College	Central Arizona College	Central Arizona College	Central Arizona College	Not available	Students and senior- mostly evening and weekends for athletic events and field trips	Demand responsive		Fare revenue
Central Arizona Council on Developmental Disabilities	Central Arizona Council on Developmental Disabilities	Central Arizona Council on Developmental Disabilities	Not available		Seniors and persons with disabilities		Monday-Sunday 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM	Not available

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Name of System	Responsible Jurisdiction /Agency	Operator	Number & Type of Vehicles (bus, minibus, van)	Service Area	Eligible Population	Service Type (Fixed Route, Demand Responsive)	Days & Hours of Service	Major Funding Sources
Cobre Valley Community Transit	Town of Miami	Town of Miami	Four 21-foot passenger bus Two 16-foot passenger bus; 1 transit auto-mobile	Town of Miami, City of Globe, Unincorporated Gila County	All	Demand responsive / curb to curb service	5 days per week	FTA Section 5311 and local funds
Community Alliance	Community Alliance	Community Alliance	Not available	40-mile radius of Apache Junction	Provides emergency transportation 24/7 to victims of family abuse	Demand responsive		Arizona Department of Economic Security
Copper Mountain Inn	Copper Mountain Inn	Copper Mountain Inn	One wheel-chair lift equipped van; One 12 passenger Cutaway bus with two wheel-chair lifts	City of Globe	Elder care facility residents	Medical transportation and resident activity trips	Various	Not available

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Name of System	Responsible Jurisdiction /Agency	Operator	Number & Type of Vehicles (bus, minibus, van)	Service Area	Eligible Population	Service Type (Fixed Route, Demand Responsive)	Days & Hours of Service	Major Funding Sources
Cotton Express	City of Coolidge	City of Coolidge	Five 28-foot passenger buses	City of Coolidge	Deviated fixed route-all Dial-a-ride-special needs only	Deviated fixed route and dial-a-ride		FTA Section 5311 and local funds
Garnet of Casa Grande Retirement and Assisted Living Community	Garnet of Casa Grande Retirement and Assisted Living Community	Garnet of Casa Grande Retirement and Assisted Living Community	Not available	15-mile radius of Casa Grande	Seniors	Demand responsive	Monday-Friday – 8 AM-4:30 PM Sunday, 8 AM to 1 PM	Residential fees
Globe Senior Center	Globe Senior Center	Globe Senior Center	Eight-passenger van that is wheel-chair lift equipped.	City of Globe	Clients of the Center and for "meals on wheels" program	Demand responsive/c urb to curb service	Five days per week	Not available
Hayden Senior Center	Hayden Senior Center	Hayden Senior Center	Not available	Silver Creek, Kearny, Hayden, Winkelman, Dudleyville, Mammoth, San Manuel, and Oracle	Seniors and persons with disabilities		Monday-Friday- 10:30 AM-2:30 PM	FTA Section 5310
Heritage Health Care center	Heritage Health Care center	Heritage Health Care center	Minibus with four wheelchair positions	City of Globe	Elder care facility residents	Medical transportation and resident activity trips	Various	Not available

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Name of System	Responsible Jurisdiction /Agency	Operator	Number & Type of Vehicles (bus, minibus, van)	Service Area	Eligible Population	Service Type (Fixed Route, Demand Responsive)	Days & Hours of Service	Major Funding Sources
Horizon Human Services	Horizon Human Services	Horizon Human Services	Not available	45-minute radius of Casa Grande	Psychiatric and / or developmentally disabled persons	Demand responsive	Monday-Friday – 8 AM-4 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arizona Dept. of Health Services Pinal-Gila Behavioral Health Association Arizona Department of Economic Security Rehab. Services Administration Arizona Long Term Care Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System FTA Section 5310 Administrative Office of Court
Miami Senior Center	Miami Senior Center	Miami Senior Center	Not available		Clients of the Center and for “meals on wheels” program			Not available
Pinal-Gila Council for Senior Citizens	Pinal	Gila Council for Senior Citizens	Not available	Gila and Pinal Counties	Seniors	Variety of services	N/A	FTA Section 5310
Portable Practical Educational Preparation (Project PPEP)	Portable Practical Educational	Preparation	Not available	Tohono O’odham Nation reservation and in the Casa Grande area	Serves developmentally and/or physically disabled adults		Monday-Friday 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM	Not available

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Name of System	Responsible Jurisdiction /Agency	Operator	Number & Type of Vehicles (bus, minibus, van)	Service Area	Eligible Population	Service Type (Fixed Route, Demand Responsive)	Days & Hours of Service	Major Funding Sources
Palm Villa Adult Day Health	Palm Villa Adult Day Health	Palm Villa Adult Day Health	Not available	Coolidge	Seniors and persons with disabilities		Monday-Thursday (7-9 AM and 3-5 PM)	
Superior Senior Center	Superior Senior Center	Superior Senior Center	Not available	Superior	Seniors		Monday-Friday – 8 AM-3 PM	FTA Section 5310
Superstition Mountain Mental Health Center	Superstition Mountain Mental	Health Center	Not available	Pinal County, including Apache Junction, Queen Creek, Kearney, Superior, Mammoth and Oracle	Serves families and individuals requiring mental health services	Demand responsive	Monday-Friday 7:00 AM to 8:30 PM and weekend 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various state and federal funding sources disbursed through the Pinal – Gila Behavioral Health Associates FTA Section 5310
Town of Florence (Dorothy Nolan Senior Center)	Town of Florence (Dorothy Nolan Senior Center)	Town of Florence (Dorothy Nolan Senior Center)	Not available	Florence and Coolidge	Seniors		Monday-Friday – 8 AM-4 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town of Florence FTA Section 5310

Sources: Pinal County Small Area Transportation Study, Gila County Small Area Transportation Study

